

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CHOOSE AND CUT CHRISTMAS TREE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a North Carolina Fraser fir has been chosen as the official White House Christmas tree again for 2008, for the 11th time (more than any other species); and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over 1,600 Christmas tree growers, with more than 50 million trees on over 30,000 acres, ranking first in the nation in Christmas tree sales, with income in 2006 in excess of \$134,000,000 and second in the United States in Christmas trees harvested; and

WHEREAS, approximately 400 of North Carolina's Christmas tree growers offer "choose and cut" trees, representing over 25% of all trees sold retail in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, live Christmas trees are environmentally friendly, offering a product that is renewable and totally biodegradable; and

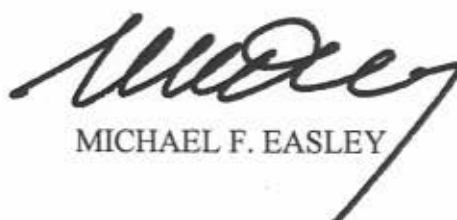
WHEREAS, each tree harvested is replaced with one or more new trees for the future, and once discarded after the holidays, these trees can be recycled as mulch or used as a habitat for wildlife and fish; and

WHEREAS, Choose and Cut tree farms offer customers the freshest trees available and provide an enjoyable family experience; and

WHEREAS, visiting a North Carolina farm and choosing a Christmas tree has become a family tradition for many and created lasting memories of their Christmas season celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 28-December 24, 2008, as "**CHOOSE AND CUT CHRISTMAS TREE MONTH.**"




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.